

Syllabus - English III: American Literature

"So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."
— from *The Great Gatsby*

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The study will emphasize literary analysis, oral and written communications skills, and research, with a focus on reading and comprehension practice through the anthology textbook, various novels, and plays. The course includes the use of research and technology.

Class Expectations: Students will succeed in class if they...

- ❖ Come to class each day with the required materials:
 - Charged Chromebook
 - Required Books/Project Materials
 - Positive, respectful, and inquisitive attitude
- ❖ Submit all written work in complete sentences unless otherwise noted.
- ❖ Include an MLA heading in the top left-hand corner of all assignments (typed or handwritten).
- ❖ Participate in class discussions and activities. Read actively, pose questions, make connections, and be prepared to share your insights!

Student Choices for Independent Reading, Writing Topics, & Creative Activity

■ I encourage parents/guardians to take an active role in monitoring their child's choices for independent reading, writing topics, and creative choices. Student and parental choice is valued and respected.

During the school year, we will:

- Visit the MHS Library, with students given the option to check out books.
- Write essays where students will be able to make choices on topics and do independent research using technology and the Internet. In these cases, there may be prompts with modern day problems to select from, however specific topics will not be assigned to specific students.
- Complete creative activities, such as creative writing and projects that contain artistic elements. Students will be encouraged to make creative decisions. Creative choices must be appropriate for school and respectful to others. If a student has a question about a specific idea they have, they should ask the teacher if it is OK.

Passes Out of Class

- Trips to the bathroom and locker are encouraged during passing periods or during workshop time. All trips out of the classroom must utilize the MHS standard system.

TeacherEase Grades

- Official grades should only be tracked on TeacherEase, where I update frequently. (While Google Classroom has a gradebook, that is not the final grade.)

Google Classroom and Newsletters

- Most assignments will utilize Google Classroom. Parents/guardians may be invited to use the parent/guardian feature (invites are automatically sent, but please email me if you need technical assistance).

- Email newsletters to parents/guardians will be sent using TeacherEase's automatic system.

Please refer to the handout titled English Department Guidelines for information about late work, make-up work, artificial intelligence (AI), and plagiarism.

I wish you and your families a fantastic school year!

Please send me an email at ayed@msd19.org if you have any questions.